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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for this application.
- 2. Submission of Proposed Drawings For Approval by Examiner
- 3. Acknowledgment of Receipt/Return Card.

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification please remove paragraph 0017 and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0017] FIG. 3 is an elevational schematic representation of an integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10 according to the present invention. Corrugated tubing 14 may be fabricated in a variety of lengths and diameters in order to facilitate varying major appliance applications including eleths—clothes washing machines and dishwashers. Washing machine drain fitting 11 may also be integrated with integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) A quick connect assembly for use in household cleaning appliances, the household cleaning appliance quick connect assembly comprising: